

Town Clerk

**Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission Meeting
DRAFT Minutes**

**Monday, October 21, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

**Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 14 Park Place
Rockville/Vernon, CT**

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1. Call to Order & roll call

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Regular Members Present: Thomas Ouellette, C. Ryan Goad, Logan Senack, H. Russell Kunz and Melissa Kracke.

Alternative Member present: None

Staff Present: Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator

Recording Secretary: Peggy Jackle

2. Administrative Actions

A. Acceptance of Minutes of August 19, 2013 and September 16, 2013

A motion made by Commissioner C. Ryan Goad and seconded by Commissioner Logan Senack to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2013 and September 16, 2013 meetings as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

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- Page 2. Agenda Item 2. Administrative Actions (Continued) to read Item # 4
- Page 2. Bullet 3A -8th Bullet – To read “Owner of private trees will receive.”
- Page 2. Bullet 4C – 2nd Bullet – To read “Tucker Brook is a wildlife corridor.”
- Page 3. Bullet 3 – Agenda 3. Continuing Business to read Agenda 5.
- Page 3. Bullet “5” B. b., Tankerhoosen River Survey 2nd bullet to read “River Walk will identify possible invasive species.”
- Page 4. Bullet 4 to read Bullet 6
- Page 4. Bullet 5 to read Bullet 7
- Page 4. Bullet “7”, 1st bullet to read “Discussion took place relative to the transformer oil spill and PCB’s leak at the Amerbelle building.”
- Page 4. Bullet 7, 2nd bullet to read “Bayberry bramble needs to be removed for easier access.”
- Page 4. Bullet 6 to read Bullet 8.

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Page 3. Bullet 6 Adjournment to read “Motion made by Commissioner Logan Senack and seconded by Commissioner C. Ryan Goad.”

B. Communications

No report

C. Application related Correspondences: IWC & PZC applications:

Application (IWC-2013-05) of Andre Charbonneau for a wetlands redesignation and a wetlands permit to construct a single family dwelling and install a culvert for a driveway crossing of a wetland on property at 133 Washington Street (Assessor's ID: Map # 11, Block # 0155, Lot/Parcel 09A10 & # 01B24).

- Commission reviewed the revised application and its assessment
- The site would be closer to wetlands
- Commission recommended relocating the structure to a more southernly site.
- The application (IWC-2013-05) is going to the Inland Wetlands Commission for their review.

D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month

- No report

E. Organizational considerations

- No report

3. Continuing Business

A.. Invasive Aquatic Plant management

a. Lakes management

- George Rostkowski performed a spot treatment but commission felt it may be too late and will be conferring with Bruce Dinnie and George Rostkowski to verify if there should be a treatment plan next year.

B. Bolton Lakes Issues

- The Commission received notification that the Lower Bolton Lake would be drawing down this week.

C. Bolton Lakes ERT Report

- The Commission has not received the ERT report.
- There will be a meeting the beginning of November to lay the ground work and plans for Bolton Lake's assessment of milfoil in the lake.
- There were concerns regarding the "for sale" properties and the commission will research if the Land Trust can assist.

D. Inter-town Collaboration

- Commissioner Logan Senack reported that he has made contact with Manchester and they are interested in collaborating with Vernon.
- Commission has been charged to think of proposals for the inter-town collaboration.
- There will be an update at next meeting.

E. Open Space Program

- No report

F. Website Revision

- Although there has been an effort to revamp the website, it has not been updated as of the meeting.

G. Tulip Tree Trail maintenance

- Removal went well
- Appalachian Mountain Club will be taking a six (6) mile hike next week.

H. Rapid Bioassessment (RBV)

- The September 28th event was successful with twenty-one (21) people volunteering.
- Chairman Tom Ouellette thanked Commissioner Melissa Kracke for contacting all the schools.

I. UConn/CT Water Co. Diversion

- There is no application for a diversion permit for Snipsic Lake; still pending

4. New Business

CT Stream Flow Regulations

- Chairman Tom Ouellette reported he will be attending a meeting next week at the Legislative building to talk about the Connecticut Stream flow regulations.
- He will update commission at next month's meeting.

Firewood Quarantine

- Commissioner C. Ryan Goad reported that there is firewood quarantine for emerald ash spore for counties in western Connecticut.

5. Other Goals

- No report

6. Adjournment

- A motion was made by Commissioner H. Russell Kunz and seconded by Commissioner C. Ryan Goad to adjourn the meeting . Motion carried unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy A. Jackle
Recording Secretary

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